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REPORT

OF THE

INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

For the Two Years Ending
November 30, 1904.

REPORT

To the Hon. Miguel A. Otero, Governor of the Territory of New Mexico:

I, the undersigned Secretary and Treasurer of the Mexico Institute for the Blind, located at Alamogordo, Otero county, New Mexico, beg to submit the following report of progress of said institute:

Through their secretary, the Board of Trustees entered into correspondence with a majority of the Institutes for the Blind of the United States for the purpose of securing their ideas pretaining to plans for buildings and management of schools, thereby endeavoring to eliminate any mistakes which may have been made by these different institutions.

Advertisements were published calling for bids on the work of clearing all brush and grubs from building site donated by the Alamogordo Improvement Company of Alamogordo, N. M. Contract awarded lowest bidder, T. B. Powell, Alamogordo, N. M., and contract completed in satisfactory manner.

May 18, 1904, answering the advertisement of the secretary of the board of trustees. plans for construction of institute building were received from E. Kause, El Paso, Texas; Chas. Whittlesey and Frank H. Paradise, Denver, Colo.; and after a thorough investigation by the board the plans submitted by Frank H. Paradise were accepted and the secretary instructed to advertise for bids for construction of building in accordance with the accepted plans, using as an advertising medium the New Mexican, Santa Fe, New Mexico; the Morning Journal, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the local newspapers of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

At a meeting of the board of trustees August 9, 1904, the following bids were received:

Miles McGrath, Denver, Colo. (No. plumbing)....$17,700 00
Henry-Stundt, Las Vegas, N. M..... 21,410 00

Morrison Construction Co., Denver, Colo.....	23,475 00
S. E. Pelphrey, Alamogordo, N. M.....	19,246 50
J. H. McRea, " " ".....	18,986 00
Jolly & Lovelady, " " ".....	17,500 00
John Quinliven, " " ".....	16,821 00

Contract was awarded John Quinliven on condition that he within thirty days from date of awarding contract furnish the board of trustees with a satisfactory bond of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) dollars for faithful performance of contract. Also bids were opened for the construction of a water main 2,710 feet in length, of four inch cast iron pipe of one-half inch thickness, to be laid in trench two feet in depth, from the water main of the town of Alamogordo to site of the aforesaid institute. Bids received:

Mamsen & Thorn, El Paso, Texas.....	$ 1,300 00
Alamogordo Water Works Co., Alamogordo, N. M.	1,200 00

Bid of the Alamogordo Water Works Co., accepted and work has been completed.

At the expiration of thirty days from the date of awarding contract for construction of building, John Quinliven having failed to make satisfactory bond of Ten Thousand Dollars, the contract was awarded Jolly & Lovelady, Alamogordo, New Mexico, they being the next lowest bidder at Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred ($17,500.00) dollars and furnishing the board of trustees with a satisfactory bond of Ten Thousand Dollars. Building is under construction and at date of this report basement and first story is about complete.

This report is given as representing the actions of the Board of Trustees of the New Mexico Institute for the Blind during two years' service, ending November 30, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PIERCE,
Secretary and Treasurer,
New Mexico Institute for the Blind.

Alamogordo, New Mexico, November 30, 1904.